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18 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
19 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

20 MAF, INC.,

21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 JOHN ISAAC, A/K/A JON ISAAC,

24 Defendant.

25 CASE NO.: 2:22-cv-1073-ART-VCF

26 **STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
27 ORDER TO EXTEND DISCOVERY
28 DEADLINES**

29 **(Fourth Request)**

30 JOHN ISAAC, A/K/A JON ISAAC,

31 Counterclaimant,

32 v.

33 MAF, INC.,

34 Counter-Defendant.

35 Pursuant to Local Rules 26-3 and LR IA 6-1, LR IA 6-2, LR 7-1, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant
36 MAF, Inc. (“MAF”), and Defendant/Counterclaimant John Isaac a/k/a Jon Isaac (“Isaac” or together
37 with MAF, the “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel of record, stipulate, agree, and hereby
38 request that the Court enter an Order extending the discovery deadlines. As contemplated by LR 26-3,
39 good cause exists to continue these deadlines as the parties have diligently attended to completing

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1 necessary discovery while conserving the Parties' resources to the greatest extent possible and position
2 the case for fruitful settlement discussions. Despite the Parties' efforts in this regard, the parties have
3 determined that additional discovery is necessary to allow the Parties the best opportunity to resolve the
4 case.

5 Specifically, the parties have determined that they will not be able to resolve the case without
6 obtaining the Chubb Insurance claim file and deposing the adjuster involved. Following that deposition,
7 the parties desire to undertake settlement discussions initially privately and, if necessary, through a
8 settlement conference with the Court. Additionally, the Parties would like to extend the discovery
9 deadline to a sufficient point that it would allow them the opportunity to conduct additional pretrial
10 discovery after the settlement conference in the event settlement efforts are not successful. This is the
11 parties' fourth request for an extension of the discovery deadlines set forth in the Court's Scheduling
12 Order (ECF No. 22).

13 **I. Good Cause Exists to Extend all Deadlines**

14 The good cause inquiry focuses primarily on the parties' diligence. *See Coleman v. Quaker Oats*
15 Co., 232 F.3d 1271, 1294-95 (9th Cir. 2000). Good cause to extend the discovery cutoff exists "if it
16 cannot reasonably be met despite the diligence of the party seeking the extension." *Johnson v. Mammoth*
17 *Recreations, Inc.*, 975 F.2d 604, 609 (9th Cir. 1992). Here, good cause exists to extend the deadlines
18 because the Parties were actively engaged in discovery and anticipated completing all necessary
19 discovery prior to the December 14, 2023 close of discovery set forth in the Court's Order (ECF No.
20 42). Initially, the Parties were hopeful that the production of additional documents would position the
21 case for meaningful settlement discussions, however, following such production and discussion of the
22 information provided, the Parties have determined that it will be necessary to obtain additional
23 documentary evidence and testimony concerning the adjustment of the insurance claim underlying the
24 Parties' dispute. Additionally, the Parties desire to extend the deadlines sufficiently to allow for
25 settlement discussions, setting a settlement conference now in case settlement discussions are
26 unsuccessful following the insurance claim discovery described below, and the completion of additional
27 pretrial discovery following the settlement conference that will be necessary only if the Parties are
28 unable to reach resolution following a settlement conference.

1 **II. Statement Specifying the Discovery Completed (LR 26-3(a))**

2 On October 11, 2022, the Parties participated in an initial scheduling conference pursuant to
3 FRCP 26(f) and negotiated a proposed Scheduling Order.

4 On October 12, 2022, the Parties submitted their proposed Scheduling Order in compliance with
5 LR 26-1(b). *See ECF No. 21.* The Court approved the Scheduling Order on October 14, 2022 *See ECF*
6 No. 22.

7 On October 25, 2022, MAF served its Initial Disclosures Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26.

8 On October 25, 2022, Isaac served his Initial Disclosures.

9 On February 21, 2023, Isaac propounded upon MAF his First Set of Requests for Production of
10 Documents and Interrogatories.

11 On February 22, 2023, MAF served its First Supplemental Disclosures Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ.
12 P. 26.

13 On February 28, 2023, MAF propounded upon Isaac its First Set of Requests for Production of
14 Documents and Interrogatories.

15 On February 28, 2023, Isaac served his Notice of Taking Deposition – Michael Fusco, setting a
16 deposition for Mr. Fusco for March 13, 2023.

17 On February 28, 2023, Isaac served his Notice of Taking FRCP 30(b)(6) Deposition of MAF,
18 Inc., setting the deposition for March 14, 2023.

19 On March 3, 2023, Isaac served his Notice of Taking Deposition and Issuance of Subpoena –
20 Louis Senerchia, setting the deposition for March 21, 2023.

21 After MAF’s then counsel filed his motion to withdraw, Isaac’s counsel agreed to vacate the
22 previously noticed depositions.

23 On April 3, 2023, the parties participated in a discovery conference before the Honorable Cam
24 Ferenbach with respect to the Motion to Withdraw and the proposed discovery schedule.

25 On April 26, 2023, the parties participated in a continued discovery conference before the
26 Honorable Cam Ferenbach with respect to the proposed discovery schedule.

27 On May 5, 2023, the Court approved the parties’ Joint Stipulation to Extend Discovery Deadlines
28 (Second Request).

1 On June 16, 2023, MAF served responses to Isaac's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for
 2 Production of Documents. Isaac also served responses to MAF's First Set of Interrogatories and
 3 Requests for Production of Documents, and First Supplement to Initial Disclosures.

4 On June 27, 2023, MAF served supplemental responses to Isaac's First Set of Requests for
 5 Production of Documents and Second Supplement to Initial Disclosures.

6 On August 25, 2023, Isaac served his second supplemental production of documents on MAF.

7 **III. A Description of the Discovery that Remains to Be Completed (LR 26-3(b))**

8 1. Issuing a third party subpoena for the insurance claim file relevant to the Parties' dispute.
 9 2. The deposition of the insurance adjuster responsible for the insurance claim relevant to
 10 the Parties' dispute.

11 3. The Parties may need to complete party and third-party depositions after settlement
 12 discussions and settlement conference if resolution does not occur.

13 **IV. The Reasons Why the Remaining Discovery Cannot Be Completed Within the Time Limits
 14 Set by the Discovery Plan (LR 26-3(c))**

15 The Parties were endeavoring to complete discovery by the existing discovery cutoff deadline.
 16 Additionally, the Parties have attempted to limit discovery to only absolutely necessary items to
 17 conserve all Parties' resources. The Parties previously agreed to depose Louis Senerchia before any
 18 other party or third-party discovery to conserve the Parties' resources. The Parties' believe that such
 19 conervation of resources will provide the maximum opportunity to resolve this case without trial.
 20 Extending the deadlines would allow for good faith negotiations without the parties incurring additional
 21 fees and costs related to the remaining discovery other than the insurance claim discovery referenced
 22 above.

23 **V. Proposed Schedules for Completing all Remaining Discovery (LR 26-3(d))**

24 (a) **Magistrate Judge Settlement Conference – subject to the Court's availability, after
 25 January 5, 2024.**

26 (b) **Discovery Cut-off Date** – The deadline for the Parties to complete all fact discovery in
 27 this matter shall be extended from December 14, 2023 to **30 days after the Magistrate Judge
 28 Settlement Conference.**

(c) **Dispositive Motion** – The deadline for the Parties to file dispositive motions shall be extended from January 15, 2024 to **30 days after the Discovery Cut-off Date**.

Pre-Trial Order – The deadline for the Parties to prepare a Consolidated Pre-Trial Order shall be extended from February 13, 2024 to **30 days after the Discovery Cut-off Date or final order resolving the last dispositive motion, whichever is later**. Based on the foregoing stipulation of the Parties and good cause appearing, the Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an Order adopting the parties' amended proposed schedule for completing all remaining discovery.¹

Respectfully Submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: 11-13-2023

¹ This stipulation is contemporaneously submitted in conjunction with the Stipulation and [Proposed] Order Setting Briefing Schedule On Motion For Summary Judgment submitted today.